# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:325
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2001
MASTER PLAN FOR DELHI
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any Master Plan to develop Delhi as a beautiful city was formulated in the year 1962;

(b) if so, the details of the area of land identified and left to be developed as green belt in Delhi, as per the said Master Plan;

(c) whether with the passage of time, construction has been made on the green belt area;

(d) if so, whether this construction has taken place under both, the public as well as private sectors; and

(e) if so, the total area of land now left as green belf in Delhi?

## Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI JAGMOHAN )

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 325 FOR 14-8-2001 REGARDING MA PLAN FOR DELHI.

(a)to(e): Yes, Sir. The Master Plan promulgated in September, 1962envisaged planned development of the Capital Citygiving due cognizance to existing physical features, places of heritage, historical or architectural value and greens so as to develop a beautiful city.

As per MPD-62,a one mile depth of green belt of agricultural land around the 1981 urbanisable limits was kept for intensive agricultural uses where only farm houses and agricultural uses were to be allowed to prevent premature urban growth and the over spilling of development. However, this concept of green belt was superceded through extensive modifications in the MPD-2001 notified in August, 1990. According to this, it was felt appropriate to establish a green belt all along the border of the Union Territory of Delhi up to a depth of about 2.0 kms. A lesser depth may have to be considered where such a depth is not available.

Master Plan 2001 states that part of the green belt has been utilized for urban extension. While formulating Master Plan2001 an area measuring 18,000 to 24,000 hect. was envisaged to be developed as urban extension to take care of the increase in population which is in the process of implementation. No exact computation of green belt area has been made in MPD-2001.